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In the application of:

Bruce ROSER, et

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For:

METHODS FOR STABLY

INCORPORATING SUBSTANCES WITHIN DRY FOAMED GLASS MATRICES AND COMPOSITIONS

OBTAINED THEREBY

Examiner: Sandra Saucier

Group Art Unit: 1651

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment responds to the November 2, 1999 Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension of the response due date from February 2, 2000 to May 2, 2000 accompanies this amendment. This amendment is, therefore, timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims

Amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended four times) A method for producing foamed glass matrices (FGMs)

containing a biologically active agent comprising the steps of: